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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**Applicants:**

Walker et al.

Application No.: 09/112,131

Filed: July 8, 1998

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
A CRYPTOGRAPHICALLY  
ASSISTED COMMERCIAL  
NETWORK SYSTEM DESIGNED  
TO FACILITATE AND SUPPORT  
EXPERT-BASED COMMERCE

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed May 11, 2000, (Paper No. 13), consideration of the following remarks and entry of the following amendments into the above identified application are respectfully requested.